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### WING TIPS

- **NEW CADET ACHIEVEMENTS:** The National Cadet Advisory Council is pleased to announce the Cadet Program’s three newest renamed achievements! Effective 1 October 2019, Achievement 10 will be known as the Lt Willa Brown Achievement; Achievement 14 will be known as the Col George Boyd Achievement; and Achievement 15 will be known as the Dr. Sally Ride Achievement. A new Cadet Super Chart (CAPVA 60-100) will begin to be issued in October with the new achievements. No new ribbons will be created for these achievements; however, special, ornate certificates will be awarded for Achievements 10, 14 & 15.



- **SIOUX FALLS AIRSHOW:** 80+ CAP members from all of SDWG’s 10 units assisted the South Dakota Air National Guard with the 2019 Power on the Prairie Airshow 16-18 August. An estimated 80,000 spectators came to the airshow on Saturday and 60,000 on Sunday. Throughout the week, CAP members assisted with the Discover Aviation Day, and multiple duty posts throughout the Saturday and Sunday event. Areas included bus stops, handicap assistance, VIP parking, crowd management, CAP static aircraft displays, and recruitment. SDWG Pilots and Aerial Photographers also performed a fly-by during the airshow to take pictures of the



crowd (see picture below). While serving among these duties, CAP members also had free time to explore the airshow and watch amazing acts of aviation such as the USAF Thunderbirds, the Vanguard, the SDANG F-16 Fightin' Lobos, static displays, and much more. Lt. Col. DeWeese writes - The Sioux Falls Air Show was a huge success by anyone's standards. Without a doubt the CAP Glider was one of the busiest aircraft at the show. Not only was it assembled and disassembled on site, the line of kids and adults wanting to sit in the cockpit never stopped. Lt. Col. DeWeese was busy from 0830 till 1800 each day. If he'd had a counter for each person sitting in the seat, it would have worn it out. The most frequent question asked was "What do you do with it". "Recruiting" was the most common answer, but "Cadet Orientation rides for kids like you was the second." "How can I get a ride in it" was quickly followed by "sign up for CAP". "How does it get airborne?" That one was easily answered by pointing to the yellow rope and tow plane parked directly in front. Certainly the Air Show was the most successful recruiting event we have ever attended.



**OVERVIEW OF THE SIOUX FALLS AIRSHOW**



**LEFT: CADETS RECRUITING AT THE CAP TENT.**



**RIGHT: SDWG CADETS RETRIEVING THE AMERICAN FLAG FLOWN BY THE US SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND PARACHUTE TEAM ("THE PARA-COMMANDOS") FOLLOWING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.**

- **GLIDER UPDATE:** Lt. Col. Buck DeWeese will be in Flandreau on 8 September to hopefully complete training for the second East River Tow Pilot, Lt. Col. E.W. Filler from Big Sioux Composite Squadron. Capt. Neal Schmid completed training also. We are working with SM Jayne Fogarty to upgrade her Commercial Glider Rating to an Instructor Rating. We will mix cadet orientation rides into the mix so as not to oversaturate her on the 8<sup>th</sup>. The glider cannot stay in East River much longer (it has been there since July), we need to get it back to Spearfish to finish out the year before the snow flies. We lost over 100 potential sorties this summer due to maintenance issues with the glider's landing wheel strut and the cable on the tow plane. But all is well and we are anxious to start glider operations up again on 8 September.



- **AERIAL WILDLIFE SURVEYS:** SDWG flew six aerial surveys of terrestrial wildlife over five days in August in support of the state's Department of Game, Fish & Parks (GF&P) and South Dakota State University (SDSU). Both organizations have continually ongoing research projects surveying mountain lions, bobcats, swift foxes, white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goats. The result was a total of 15.6 hours flying over western South Dakota and the Black Hills and 3.2 hours flying over the eastern part of the state for a total of 18.8 flight hours. CAP pilots were: Lt. Col. Gary Hewett, 3 sorties; Lt. Col. Buck DeWeese, 2 sorties; and Capt. Matt Meert, 1 sortie. Depending whom the sortie supported the pilot was accompanied by a representative from SDSU or from GF&P.

## STAFF NOTES



### **WING COMMANDER**

Col. David Small Jr., CAP

- There have been a few additions to the Wing Staff: SSgt Shawn Bawden - Public Affairs (Assistant); Maj. Bill Collister - Inspector General (Assistant); 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Richard Rezac - Recruiting & Retention (Assistant); and Lt. Col. Bill Strandell - Inspector General (Assistant).
- SDWG has been honored by receiving the Regional Cadet Programs Award for 2019 from the North Central Region. The plaque was presented to Col. David Small at the recent CAP National Conference.
- Each squadron/unit needs to submit their FY 2020 Budget and new CAPF 172 no-later-than Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Lt. Col. Bass, 605-787-6410.



### **DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Col. Mary Donley, CAP

- **SLS / CLC / TLC:** I am changing the dates of the Squadron Leadership School (SLS) and Corporate Learning Course (CLC) in Rapid City. SLS will be on Saturday, 19 October from 0800-1900/2000. CLC will be on Sunday, October 20 from 0800-1900/2000. We are still working on a location--it could be at Camp Rapid or on Ellsworth at the Squadron Headquarters. Lt. Col. Buechler will be holding a Training Leaders of Cadets



(TLC) Basic on Saturday, 2 November from 0800-1700. TLC/ Intermediate will be held on Sunday, 3 November from 0800-1700. All classes will be held in Rapid City location to be announced later. Please contact Col. Mary Donley at [mary.donley@sdwg.cap.gov](mailto:mary.donley@sdwg.cap.gov) if attending the SLS or CLC. Please contact Lt. Col. Linda Buechler if attending the TLC Basic or Intermediate courses at [linda.buechler@sdwg.cap.gov](mailto:linda.buechler@sdwg.cap.gov)

## SQUADRON HIGHLIGHTS

### **CRAZY HORSE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-068 – CUSTER)**



- **SPLIT SAREX**: Squadrons from across western South Dakota met at the Crazy Horse Composite Squadron in Custer for a split Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX.) SDWG members on the eastern side of the state met for a corresponding SAREX in Brookings at the Big Sioux Composite Squadron. The exercise mission was to locate 2 hikers and a downed aircraft. An aircraft and 2 ground teams were employed in the exercise. The mission of the exercise was completed in a timely manner and participants met the mission goals.

- **USAF ACADEMY VISIT**: Several squadron cadets had the opportunity to visit the United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, CO. One highlight of the tour was a serendipitous combination of sunlight and tinted windows for a spectacular color display inside the fame academy chapel.



- **FUNDRAISER**: Unit members helped out the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3342 in Custer with their monthly Steak Night. Cadets and Officers helped serve food, bussed tables and washed dishes to help raise money for the squadron's Wreaths Across America program.



## **LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-63 – SPEARFISH)**

- **RENOVATIONS**: Members of the squadron have been busy this summer on a number of projects including much-needed building maintenance. 2nd Lt. Michael Engelhart and SM Rueben Engelhart started things off by cleaning Squadron HQ and shampooing the carpets. SSgt Shawn Bawden spent many days in August painting two rooms while Lt. Col. Buck DeWeese took a trailer-load of scrap metal and other debris to the recyclers. Maj. Collister recently delivered some used countertops which will be repurposed as shelving in our new communications (radio) room.

- **ADIOS**: We also bid goodbye (for now) to C/MSgt Thomas Friedrich who is now a freshman at Gordon College in Wenham, Massachusetts, where he will major in linguists. "I joined the Civil Air Patrol in 2015 because of my desire to fly, but quickly found unexpected interest in both Emergency Services and Drill and Ceremonies," he explained. C/MSgt Friedrich attended the Joint Cadet Encampment at Camp Rapid in 2017 as well as participating in a number of SAREXs and Survival Weekends during the past four years. His awards include the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, Lindberg Achievement Award, Rickenbacker Achievement Award, Wright Brothers Award, Feik Achievement Award, Arnold Achievement Award, and Curry Achievement Award. "My time in CAP has been immensely beneficial in my school career, as well as my transition into adulthood by training me to behave with maturity and respect in all of life," added C/MSgt Friedrich.

- **WELCOME**: Last month the squadron welcomed our newest member: Cadet Alexandra Sukstorf who joined CAP as she turned 12 years old!

- **RACE SUPPORT**: SM Jon Raevsky and SSgt Bawden (plus Bawden's wife Hannah) assisted participants of this year's Dakota Five-O Bicycle Race, a grueling 50-mile race through the northern Black Hills. This year's event attracted 700 bicyclists from across the country. The trio staffed a checkpoint along Tinton Trail, ensuring that racers safely crossed a busy Forest Service road and modeling CAP's core value of community service. And, congratulations to SM Mark Fruechte who competed in the race!

## **MILLER FLIGHT (SD-33 – MILLER)**

- **OPEN HOUSE**: On 13 August the Miller Flight hosted an Open House at the Miller Community Center. The community was treated to a free supper, as well as fun STEM activities and lots of information about CAP. We are looking forward to bringing on several new members from this Open House.





- **GRANT RECEIVED:** The Miller Flight received a grant for \$2,000.00 from the Wells Fargo Community Grant Program. This program works with local non-profits that strengthen their community in several areas, including those who respond to emergencies like CAP. These funds will be highly valuable as we grow and strengthen our unit.

- **CAP-4H:** Members from Rapid City, Pierre and Miller represented CAP as part of a combined 4H - CAP education activity at the South Dakota State Fair. For 4 of the 5 days of the Fair, CAP demonstrated fun aerospace and STEM activities to 4H youth and their families. This is hopefully the start of a long and fruitful relationship between the South Dakota Wing, the South Dakota 4H and their extension offices across the state.



## **SHIOW FALLS COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-050 – SHIOW FALLS)**

- **BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL PRAYER BREAKFAST:** The Sioux Falls Composite Squadron’s Color Guard participated in the Brandon Valley School Prayer Breakfast on 16 August. Participating cadets were: C/SSgt Brayden Parke, C/CMSgt Kaleb Sarchet, C/SrA Grace Ingebretsen, and C/Capt Isaiah Klosterman from the Big Sioux Composite Squadron.



- **DISCOVER AVIATION DAY:** On 14 August Squadron Cadets and Officers assisted with the first-ever Discover Aviation Day at Maverick Center. As a start to an exciting airshow weekend, CAP members showcased several of Civil Air Patrol’s Aerospace Education STEM-kits and other activities, such as the robotic-arm, balsa wood gliders, SUAV’s, and a static display of SDWG’s Cessna-172’s. Thank you to the cadets that volunteered their time to help recruit for CAP (pictured from left to right): C/SSgt Connor Herren, C/AB Noah Daene, C/TSgt Malachi Smith, C/Capt Isaiah Klosterman from the Big Sioux Composite Squadron, C/CMSgt Kaleb Sarchet, C/CMSgt Keon den Hoed, C/SSgt Austin den Hoed, C/A1C Ethan den Hoed, and C/SrA Grace Ingebretsen.

- **VETERANS AFFAIRS COLOR GUARD EVENT:** Cadets from the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron Color Guard presented the colors for the Veterans Administration Center’s Quarterly Last Roll Call, on 24 August.

# ★ ★ PROMOTIONS ★ ★

## **SENIOR MEMBER PROMOTIONS**



Congratulations to Judith Apley and to Nel Apley both of Miller and both members of the Miller Flight on their promotion to the rank of Second Lieutenant!

## **CADET PROMOTIONS**

### **Noncommissioned Officer**



Congratulations to Keon Den Hoed of Boyden, IA, a member of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, and to Matthew Tracy of Summerset, a member of the Rushmore Composite Squadron, on promotion to the rank of Cadet Chief Master Sergeant and receipt of the Dr. Robert H. Goddard Award!



Congratulations to Chancey Hall of Highmore, a member of the Miller Flight, on promotion to Cadet Senior Master Sergeant and receipt of the General Jimmy Doolittle Award!



Congratulations to Preston Drew and to Alexander Heinrich, both of Custer and both members of the Crazy Horse Composite Squadron on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Master Sergeant and receipt of the Charles Lindbergh Award!



Congratulations to Amber Kelly of Piedmont, a member of the Rushmore Composite Squadron, to Brayden Parke of Sioux Falls, and to Malachi Smith of Mission Hill, both members of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on promotion to Cadet Technical Sergeant and receipt of the Captain Eddie Rickenbacker Award!



Congratulations to Rose McGeorge of Miller, a member of the Miller Flight, and to Conner Herren of Crooks, a member of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Staff Sergeant and receipt of the Wright Brothers Award!



### **Airmen**



Congratulations to Clara Giddings of Sioux Falls, and to Grace Ingebretsen of Luverne, MN, both members of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on promotion to the rank of Cadet Senior Airman and receipt of the Mary Feik Award!





Congratulations to Ethan Den Hoed of Boyden, IA, a member of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, and to Isabella Pollman of Bridgewater, a member of the Mitchell Flight, on their promotion to Cadet Airman First Class and receipt of the Arnold Award!



Congratulations to Nathaniel Benjamin and to Mary Dvorak, both of Custer and both members of the Crazy Horse Composite Squadron on promotion to Cadet Airman and receipt of the Curry Award!



## ★ ★ KUDOS ★ ★



Congratulations to SSgt Shawn Bawden of Spearfish, a member of the Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron, who completed the Officer Basic Course.



Congratulations to SM Jon Raevsky of Spearfish, a member of the Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron, who earned his FAA Private Pilot's License and has since received high performance and tail-wheel endorsements. SM Raevsky is currently training to become a CAP Mission Pilot.



Congratulations SSgt Shawn Bawden and to SM Jon Raevsky, both of Spearfish and both members of the Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron, who earned the Brigadier General Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager Aerospace Education Achievement Award!



Congratulations SSgt Shawn Bawden, SM Julie Limke, SM Jessica Limke, SM Rueben Engelhart, SM Jon Raevsky, and Lt. Col. Russ Limke, all of Spearfish, and to SM Jess Santee of Deadwood and SM Andrew Pisciotta of Lead, all members of Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron, who completed Level I of the Civil Air Patrol's Senior Member Professional Development Program in June and, in recognition thereof, has earned the Membership Ribbon!

